THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) No representation has been received regarding a scheme to introduce domestic spinning units to be run by pedals on power for the benefit of rural women in the Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of Schemes for the Welfare of Handloom Weavers

1031. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being implemented for the welfare of handloom weavers living below the poverty line under IRDP, TRYSEM, DRDA, and Indira Awas Yojana;

(b) the amount of funds earmarked for the above schemes, scheme-wise; and

(c) whether any committees have been constituted in the districts under the Chairmanship of Chairman, D.R.D.A.s to identify the beneficiaries and oversee the implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT): (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The Government of India is implementing the following schemes for the welfare of Handloom weavers living below the poverty line under the ongoing schemes of poverty alleviation:

(i) Coverage of loomless handloom weavers under Integrated Rural Development Programme for provision of looms, worksheds and working capital.

(ii) Coverage of SC/ST houseless handloom weavers under Indira Awas Yojana for providing houses/dwelling units.

(iii) Training to weavers, in improved weaving/dyeing practices under the scheme of Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), and

(iv) Setting up of Common Facilities Centres in areas of weavers Concentration with assistance from Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).

(b) No separate funds are earmarked for the implementation of these Schemes. The expenditure is to be incurred from the normal funds available to the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA)/Zilla Parishads under IRDP, TRYSEM and JRY.

(c) There are no separate Committees for this purpose at District level. Normal Committees for IRDP and other programmes are expected to identify the beneficiaries and oversee the implementation of the schemes in consultation with officers in charge of handloom activity at the District level.

Training in New Agricultural Technology

1032. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started giving theoretical and practical training in new agricultural technology and scientific methods to young farmers in selected block development centres in the states; and

(b) if so, the details of the programme and whether it will be extended further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) To provide uptodate knowledge of relavant agricultural technology through Institutional Training for farm youth from small and marginal holdings, a Danish assisted project titled 'Women and Youth Training and Extension Project' (WYTEP) is in progress in Karnataka from September, 1982. The project was undertaken in 11 districts (107 Talukas) in phase-I which was completed in June, 1989 and subsequently phase-II of the project was taken up extending to all the districts of the State except Bihar in July, 1989. Duration of the phase-II of the project is six